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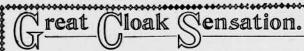
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SECOND INSTALLMENT.

CHAPTER II.-A PERPLEXED PHYSI-

The doctor looked as directed. The spread was uneven, as if a man's body had been laid upon it, and on the pillow was the clearly defined mark of a man's head.

He stared a moment at these evidences of somebody's, if not Starkweather's, recent presence, and then crossed the little chamber to the window. Placing his hand on the sash he asked: on the sash he asked:

"Who occupies this room?"
"Nobody," replied the professor, his voice



searcher is inclined to stamp the foot and rail at the universe in sheer mental help-lessness.

condition of mind, but a hundred times more intense, was the doctor's. A scientist, so far as his training went, he had a horror of mysteries, and in the plain facts of life, be they commonplace or tragic, he could not admit what is generally known as a mystery. He would not admit one here—but when he tried to explain the situation, to think of causes, he tound his mind in contusion, his thoughts and impressions chaotic. He said to himself impatiently that Professor Drummond was crazy, that he had been the victim of hallucination and that Starkweather most likely would walk calmity in upon them before morning was over.

Before he call to the committed of her father's insanity would be a terrible blow to Louise. The professor, glass in hand, was leaning against a maniet over a fire-place in the broad hall.

"You will know how to pardon my agitation, doctor," he said; "the double shock of this event has quite unnerved me."

"There is nothing harder to bear," responded the doctor, quietly, "than that that is incomprehensible. Let's sit down and review this matter methodically. We shall doubtless come to an understanding of it that will make all clear."

"T'm afraid not," said the professor dubicusty. He hesitated a moment, and then saying. "Come on," led the way to the dining room.

"Doctor!" whispered Louise, catching him by the sleeve, and speaking in a whis-

per, "do you think something is the matter with papa."
"I cannot tell yet," answered Dr. Williams, unable to prevaricate even to save her feelings when thus directly addressed.
"Don't keep anything from me!" she pleaded, regarding him wistfully.
"No, Miss Drummond, I shall tell you the truth," he said; and his heart beat with painful eagerness as he saw her eyes fixed hopefully and trustfully upon him.
She returned to Amelia, seeing that the doctor wished to speak to her father alone. Prof. Drummond had sat down, and was resting his head on his hands when the doctor entered.
"I was this was, and I had just finished breakfust. There had I had just finished breakfust. There had had just finished breakfust. There had had just finished breakfust. There had I had just finished breakfust. There had I had just finished conversation, in the course of whiteheat ehad remarked upon his good health and prospects. Then he started, quite as usual, for the shop, as I call the room where I conduct my mechanical experiments. I Intended to join him later, but before he had



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He dreaded the reappearance of Professor Drummond, fearing that the elder man's temper would be in a deplorably challient emper would be in a deplorably challient feared with a calm smile upon his face.

"Let me beg your pardon, dector," he said. "No. I found no trace of him. I was going simply to remark, in my agitation I was absurd enough to fake momentary offense at a remark of yours that might have been interpreted as suspicion. Of course, it wasn't so, and I accept it gratefully as a friendly suggestion. It would have been not so much inhuman as found have been not so much inhuman as might have been interpreted as suspicion, off course, it wasn't so, and I accept it would have been not so much inhuman as might have been not so much inhuman as might have been not so much inhuman as might have been interpreted by mile thank you for the suggestion." It would have been not so much inhuman as mile thank you for the suggestion. It would have been not so much inhuman as mile thank you for the suggestion." It meant it in the fr-endliest spirit."

Further conversation was interrupted by the sound of wheels outside. Both went to the piazza. Two men in an open buggy were below: One was Delos Hawkins, landlord of the Belmont Hotel, and the other a Mr. Philbriek, ome f. Pofessor Drummond, morning, doctor," said Hawkins, "we heard there was some trouble up here. Can we be of service to you?"

"You are very kind," returned the professor. "I hardly know what to say. How and what did you hear?"

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